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Dr. Robin Carter receives an award at the sixth annual Women of Influence awards ceremony to honor the accomplishments of female students, staff and faculty in the University Union, Redwood Room on Wednesday, March 18, 2015.

Trustees name new president

Robert Nelsen takes helm

By Jonathan Ayestas
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The California State University Board of Trustees announced Robert Nelsen as Sacramento State's new campus president on March 25.

Nelsen was formerly president of the University of Texas-Pan American in Edinburg, Texas.

He will begin his term in June as the eighth president of Sac State.

"Sacramento State has truly become a destination campus where students receive a transformative educational experience that prepares them for success in the future," Nelsen wrote in a press release. "The opportunity to work alongside the many dedicated faculty and staff who guide students along that journey and prepare them for achievements beyond the classroom is incredibly exciting."



Robert Nelsen

Current president Alexander Gonzalez will finish his 12th year at Sac State and 36th year with the CSU system at the end of June.

Texas Senator Juan Hinojosa spoke of Nelsen's appointment as campus president.

"Dr. Robert Nelsen earned a reputation for being able to bring people together and I was most impressed with the manner in which he united the greater community," Hinojosa said. "When he was asked what he wanted his legacy to be with UTPA, he said he wanted to be known for creating partnerships, and he tirelessly worked to make that happen. Sacramento State is fortunate to have him lead their team."

In a teleconference with several media outlets including the Sacramento Bee and Capital Public Radio, Nelsen spoke of his goals to improve the campus. Among his objectives were

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Sac State celebrates women

By Christine Kittle
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Women from all over the local region came together at Sacramento State for the sixth annual Women of Influence awards ceremony presented by Housing and Residential Life and the Women's Center.

The theme of the March 18 event from keynote speaker Tiffany Fraser's address was "influence can happen in a moment; it can happen in a kind gesture that someone does for you."

The Sac State PRIDE Center's Facebook page stated there were four award categories: Student Leader, Residential Student Leader, Faculty, and Staff.

The candidates for the awards were nominated by their peers, who filled out and submitted a form available online.

The ceremony was to award four members of the Sac State community who exhibit professional and academic excellence.

"Tonight we are here to celebrate and honor our female student staff and faculty," said Kristopher Disharoon, assistant director of programming, training and academic success for Housing and Residential Life. "Each person nominated here today continually exhibits professional and/or academic excellence and dedication to the California and Sacramento community."

Kadina Koonce was the recipient of the Student Women of Influence award.

"I couldn't have done it without the support of all my friends or the support of housing," Koonce said. "There are tons of other people that could've been chosen for this and have the influence that can impact the world but I didn't know that was myself."

The Residential Life Student

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Women fight for equal pay rates

By Andres De Leon
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Many women who have graduated college face the harsh reality of the wage gap when looking for jobs.

In 2013, men were paid $10,000 more on average than women for an equivalent full-time position.

"In 2013, the medium annual earnings in the United States for women, working full-time, year-round was $39,157; for men, it was $50,030," said Vivian McCarty, first-year psychology major and treasurer for the American Association of University Women at Sacramento State.

Some Sac State students were bothered by those figures, like second-year social work major Jessica Thomas.

"If I am going to put all this work to finish my bachelor's degree and get a master's degree, there is no way that I am making that much less than a man," Thomas said.

History has demonstrated legislation addressing the wage gap like the Equal Pay Act of 1963, which aimed to abolish wage disparity among American workers. Although the Equal Pay Act has been implemented, along with other similar acts, some say it is still not enough.

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> -Jessica Arauza
> communications major

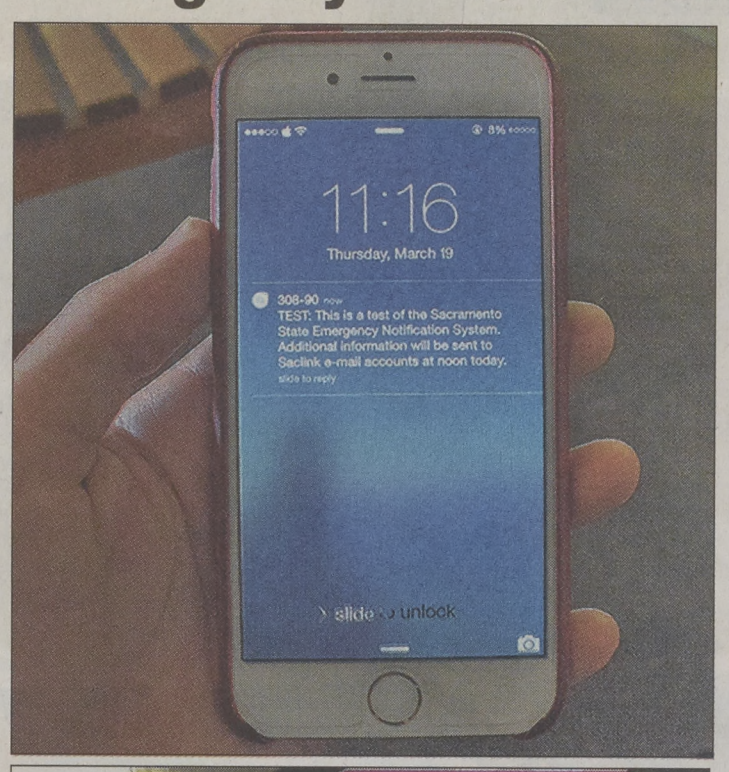
"Despite the numerous bills, laws and amendments that have been instituted, while we don't want to invalidate that they have been very effective in some way, the pay gap has increasingly narrowed; [however] there is still significant strides left to achieve," said Jessica Arauza, fifth-year communication studies major and president of AAUW at Sac State.

McCarty said closing the wage

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Emergency Notification System tests alerts

Campus also uses Twitter and Facebook as a way to give students information



Daniel Magalit - State Hornet

In the University Union on March 19, 2015 at 11:15 p.m., Sac State held a test of the campus-wide Emergency Notification System. The ENS is used in emergencies or other critical events where life and safety are at risk.

By Andres De Leon
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Students and staff at Sacramento State received alerts via text and email notifying them of the Emergency Notification System test run on March 19.

"It's like an Amber Alert for Sac State to just be aware of what's going on campus," said Christian Perez, second-year business finance major.

The ENS is designed to inform the campus community of any immediate danger and how to react to it.

"The Emergency Notification System has been in effect for a number of years," said Mark Iwasa, police chief at Sac State. "It has been put in place to notify students, faculty and staff in the event of an emergency."

The current system is run through text and emails, as well as through computer screens on campus. The system has been undergoing renovations for the last three years.

"It is a way for us to see if all of the systems are working correctly, but it's also a way for every individual who thinks that they are registered to the system to test their own devices," Iwasa said.

The ENS tests are done on a yearly basis to check where improvements need to be made so that all methods of communication are activated at once.

"It will trigger text, email, campus phones, campus digital signs, campus computer screens, at one time so that we can make the best effort possible to reach people both on campus and away from campus to notify them of what is happening, where it's happening and what they should do about it," Iwasa said.

The ENS is activated when immediate danger is registered and verified by the Sac State Police Department. These are not strictly restricted to on-campus situations.

"They are going to involve an incident where life or safety is at risk for the most part, and it can be something that's occurring on campus, or it can be

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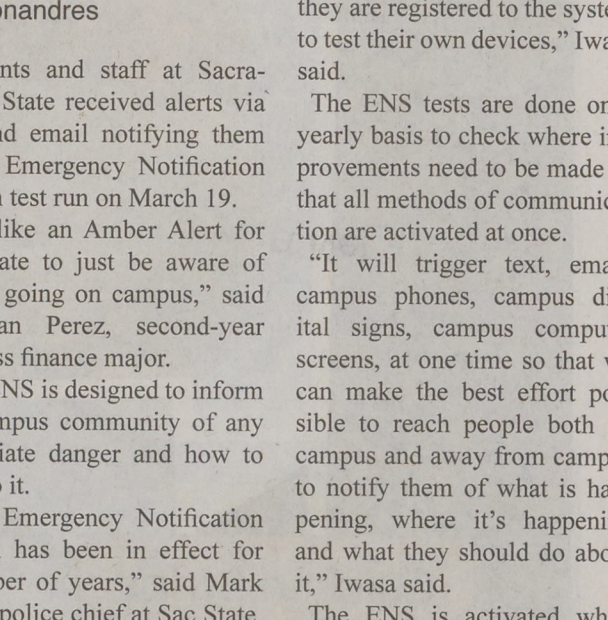
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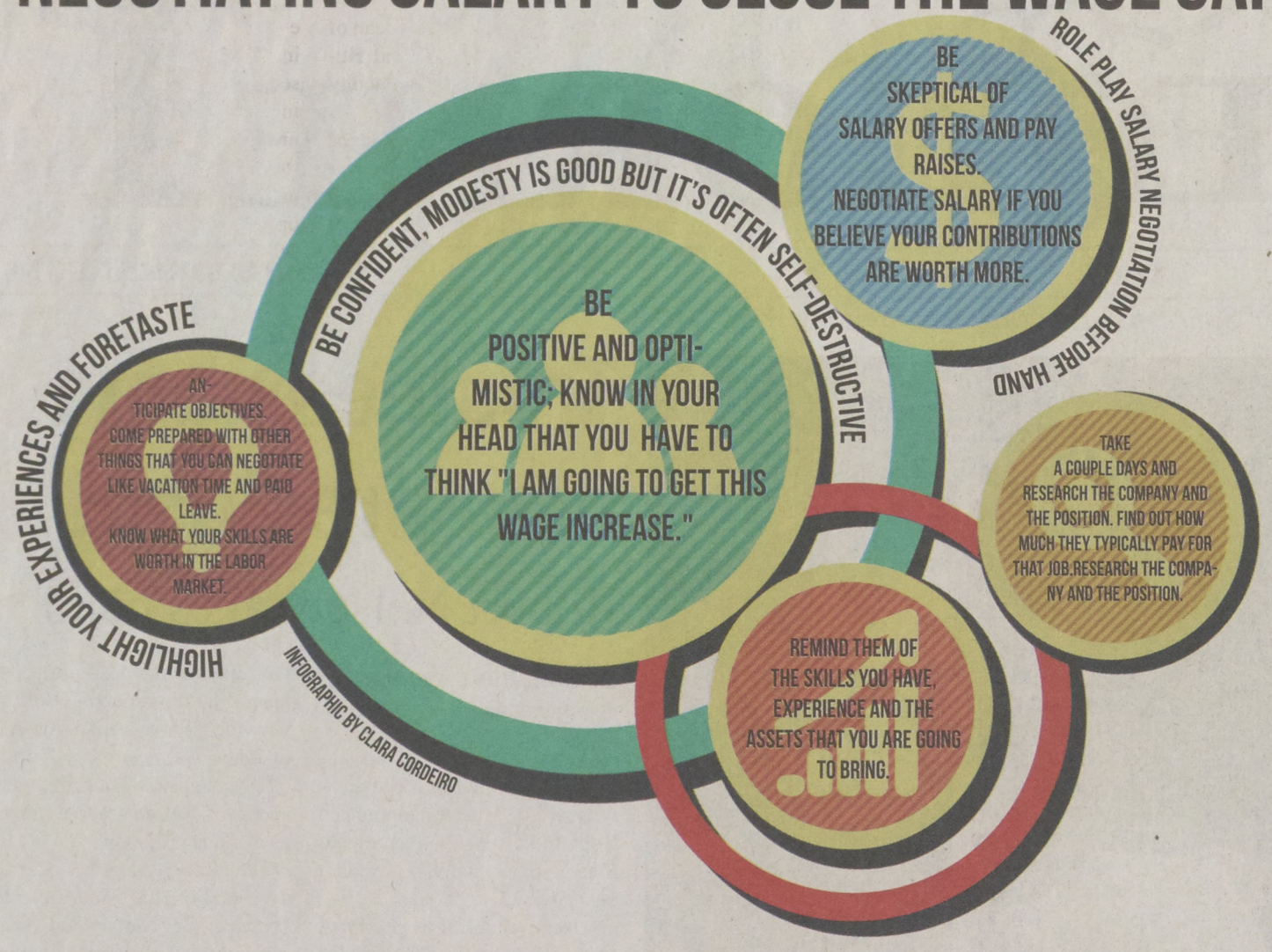
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NEGOTIATING SALARY TO CLOSE THE WAGE GAP



CORPSE FLOWER



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Sacramento State's resident Corpse Flower blooms in the Sequoia Hall Live Gallery on Tuesday, March 24, 2015. The 20-year-old flower began blooming on Monday, March 23, 2015 and is open for only 48 hours.

WAGE GAP: WOMEN AT SAC STATE SEEK A CLOSE IN WAGE GAP

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gap is not just a problem for individual women, but unequal pay also affects their families.

"You are finding more and more single parents, a lot of single moms trying to raise families, one, two, three kids or more," McCarty said. "And even families that have two parents, a mother and a father, the income that the wife earns is still very important for raising that family, so I think now more than ever it's more important."

McCarty said the best thing women should do to help close the wage gap is to negotiate with their employers and ask for more money during the hiring process.

"A lot of times when you get these job offers, they are trying to lowball everybody, and most of the hiring managers or the hiring people you speak to, they are almost always willing to pay more than they offer and that's typically kind of a given," McCarty said.

Other tips when negotiating a fair salary is to know what you are worth.

"We tend to often times be very modest, and while that's definitely not a bad attribute I think that in certain situations, believe me it's OK to sell yourself and to know what you are worth, to know what your experiences are, to know what it is that you are bringing to the position," Arauza said.

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> -Vivian McCarty
> psychology major

McCarty said when women get out of college and get their first job offer, they do not aggressively negotiate their salary the way men do, and that is something McCarty emphasized needs to be practiced more. She believes that as more women come to explore new occupations, the gap can close in the future.

"The more women enter new career fields especially science, technology, engineering, mathematics, we are holding more positions than we traditionally did, and I feel that if we keep this momentum going, keep spreading the word, I feel that it can change in our life time; it can become equal," McCarty said.

The Sac State AAUW organization will be tabling on this issue in the quad on Equal Pay Day Tuesday, April 14 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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something that is occurring off campus, but may be approaching campus," Iwasa said. "[A] chemical spill or something that was off campus but the wind was going to be blowing towards campus over time, that would be an example of something we would sent out."

Students like first-year environmental studies major Stephanie Duong believe some form of emergency notification is crucial.

"I think that they are necessary to make sure everybody is aware of what is going on in campus and it will let people evacuate into safety and it will keep the public safe," Duong said. "There is a lot of shootouts on campus so I would be afraid of that, or bomb threats."

Iwasa said the ENS is not the only way campus police communicate with the campus community when situations arise. The department also utilizes Facebook and Twitter to give useful and important information that might not be deemed an emergency.





Alisha Garcia - State Hornet

Graphic design major Lorenzo Cardnas, 20, from Alpha Phi Omega helps spread mulch around a treé on campus as part of Sac State Sustainablity's third annual Mulching Mania.

Mulching promotes water conservation

By Alisha Garcia
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Sustainability at Sacramento State, along with eight student volunteers, spread mulch among trees in the Main Quad by Lassen Hall and the Riverfront Center during the third annual Mulching Mania.

On March 19, sustainability spread 20 yards of mulch by working with the Facilities Management's Grounds and Landscaping Department to cover trees throughout campus.

Mulching Mania was created by Sac State Sustainability's Kristina Cullen, sustainability and operations analyst and coordinator and Joey Martinez, recycling coordinator.

A Sacramento Municipal Utility District flyer supporting the Sacramento Tree Foundation at the event described mulch as leaves and chipped wood.

Organic mulch can break down and create nutrient-rich compost that will keep soil evenly moist, conserve water and insulate roots while providing essential nutrients for the tree.

Sac State is a sponsor of the Sacramento Tree Foundation nonprofit organization working to grow healthy, livable communities in the Sacramento area by encouraging people to plant, protect and learn about trees.

Martinez said he liked the amount of volunteers at Mulching Mania and described the goals of Mulching Mania and its way to conserve water.

"Mulching keeps moisture to the ground, meaning we have to water it [the tree] less," Martinez said. "If we do get rain, it will stay in the soil a lot more and it conserves water."

Cullen and Martinez used Mulching Mania as a venue to display support and efforts Sac State is taking to conserve water on campus.

Sustainability offered students hands-on experience and volunteer work for the event on campus.

"Getting students involved teaches them about why mulching is important, gives them a sense of pride, and a lot of them like to do volunteer work," Cullen said.

Cullen expanded on the importance of mulching, saying it benefits trees and it meets the Tree Campus USA requirements made by the Arbor Day Foundation, granting Sac State recognition from the organiztion.

The eight volunteers were from Alpha Phi Omega, Kappa Sigma and Full Circle Project. These groups are from the Sac State campus community, one is a volunteer coed fraternity and the other assists students to enhance their college experience.

Eric Alvarez, 21-year-old business major, chose to volunteer for the event and feels mulching to be relevant.

"There are trees everywhere," Alvarez said. "It is a green campus and mulching helps the trees and it keeps the temperature cool."

Business major Yutong Li, 20, is a Full Circle Project volunteer and explained why she thought Mulching Mania was important.

"Mulching is good for the ecosystem," Li said."[You] get an opportunity to gain work experience and it's a good way to help the trees. A part of the process in being proactive."

WOMEN'S AWARDS: SPEAKER PRAISES EVENT

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Women of Influence award- recognition to either a current student living on campus or at the Upper Eastside Lofts, or employed by the lofts or the Office of Residential Life- went to Gabriela Bermudez, who said that she was both happy to win and surprised she was chosen out of all the women on campus.

"I wasn't really expecting to win if that makes sense," Bermudez said. "I think there's a lot of amazing women on this campus and a lot of the work that gets done doesn't get noticed all the time, so I didn't think that there would be a special reason why mine would. Definitely really happy and really appreciative of the Women's Resource Center staff who nominated me and who's been supportive of all my work, and without them I wouldn't be able to do what I do."

Robin Carter, associate dean of the College of Health and Human Services, won the Faculty Women of Influence award.

"I feel honored and privileged to receive the award, to be recognized and especially among such a group of nominees of other women who are equally as influential here, and I just want to thank my dean for nominating me," Carter said.

The handing out of awards preceded a keynote address by 2009 Sac State alumna Fraser, who was a soccer player on the collegiate team during her time on campus and now helps run a non-profit charity called Street Soccer, in addition to her job as the manager of logistics at Rapid Ramen.

Speaking at the Women of Influence awards ceremony was an opportunity that Fraser did not want to miss.

"It's phenomenal to have an evening dedicated to recognizing exceptional women," Fraser said. "As much as talking in front of a new group can be uncomfortable, the opportunity to be around other exceptional women didn't seem like an opportunity I could pass up, so selfishly I wanted to be in the room with everyone here."

Every woman nominated in each category received a certificate and a pen even if they did not win an award.

"This is the sixth annual [ceremony] and I think it just gives a chance to highlight some of the things that both female students, faculty and staff just kind of do on this campus, and it gives a chance for them to shine," Disharoon said. "We had a lot of great nominations. It's too bad we cant give awards to everybody."

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addressing class impaction and faculty salaries.

Nelsen also said he intends to have a new science building at Sac State to increase space for lab classes.

"We've got to get a science building," Nelsen said. "We can't have these bottlenecks[impacted classes] that we have right now. They [Sac State] retrofitted some of the labs but they've also had to close down some of the labs. We need to take care of the infrastructure. That building is a very high priority for what I'm going to do."

Nelsen mentioned garnering funding from private donors and also state and federal funding since Sac State was named a Hispanic-Serving Institution by the Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities on February.

> **"We can't have these bottlenecks [impacted classes] that we have right now."**
> -Robert Nelsen
> incoming president

"You can build traction if you can tell a story," Nelsen said. "You have to be a storyteller and you have to tell the story very, very convincingly."

Nelsen called online classes a "tool that can be used to improve education," with resources such as online simulations that do not require labs or equipment.

"You want to use technology to help you in every way that you possibly can," said Nelsen.

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New president appropriately calls for change on campus

The California State University system in its Board of Trustees meeting on March 25 announced Robert Nelsen as Sacramento State's new campus president to take over once current president Alexander Gonzalez finishes his term in June. Nelsen served as president at the University of Texas-Pan American for four years before stepping down and agreeing to come to Sac State.

Incoming President Robert Nelsen: we look forward to seeing some of your past accomplishments materialize at Sac State. We applaud your previous achievements in class impaction reduction and suicide prevention education. Your passion and confidence for improving students' lives has a place here.

A real issue our campus inarguably faces is the low number of lab classes offered that are required for graduation. We know how quickly these courses fill to capacity and the struggle that comes with students trying to add. As you said in your press conference, the science building will be one of your higher priorities. We support your efforts.

The push for a new science building should be high on the priority list considering it was ranked only 12 out of 27 on the Capital Outlay 2015-16 priority list for the CSU system. Quality education should never be compromised because of budget issues.

The State Hornet welcomes you, Robert Nelsen, and hopes your transition to Sac State goes smoothly. We are eager to see your green and gold spirit on Thursdays.

Candidates unite under slogans

By Christine Kittle
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Candidates running for student government at Sacramento State can form groups having a unified slogan and set of ideas despite Associated Students Inc. not having official political parties or slates.

"Those students may choose to form a group of like-minded individuals who run with similar goals and objectives for the organization," said ASI President Lauren Lombardo. "They also may choose to have a similar group name and group slogan. However, they are each still running as independent candidates."

ASI holds elections each year to fill the executive and director positions on the board. In past elections, there were groups of candidates that ran together under unified slogans, but not under a political party affiliation.

"ASI doesn't have political parties," Lombardo said. "Each year, students who decide to run for office may or may not choose to run with other individuals who have also independently decided to run for office."

Student groups are monitored to ensure that all candidates have a fair shot at being elected.

"Our ASI Election Code specifies that election materials may not promote more than one candidate on them, that candidates may not commingle election funds and that candidates may not campaign for other candidates," Lombardo said. "This is all done to ensure that all students have an equal and fair chance to be elected into their office, something that would not be the case if slates or parties were allowed to campaign together."

Patricia Worley, executive director of ASI, has worked with student government for 15 years, but keeps herself separated from the candidates during the election process.

"From what I have observed in general during the campaign period, what [the candidates] perceive as an advantage to aligning themselves with a team is that they will be judged as a worthy candidate based on maybe some attributes of the collective," Worley said. "An example is a student who is running for a director position who has not been engaged in high profile student leadership positions. [The candidates] are hoping that by the nature of association that [voters] will go 'gosh, I'll go with that team member.'"

Last year, the slogan was a group effort and many of the candidates chose to use it in their campaign materials.

"The slogan, or the name, comes in with why they all want to run," said Ryan Allain, vice president of Academic Affairs for ASI. "It really just kind of embodies that. Last year with EXCEL, we wanted to excel the students."

Slogans have been a part of the election process for at least 15 years.

"This is my 15th year in my position as executive director," Worley said. "To the best of my recollection, every single year, this is a traditional aspect of how our students go about the election process."

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Baseball sweeps back-to-back series

By Kevin L. Shepherd .
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After battling through a challenging non-league schedule, the Sacramento State Hornets baseball team has found its comfort zone as Western Athletic Conference play is underway.

The Hornets (16-10, 6-0 WAC) swept their first two league series by winning all six games at home, most recently sweeping New Mexico State University.

Despite some inconsistencies offensively, the Hornets have been in every ballgame due to their pitching and defense. Hornets' pitchers entered the weekend series versus New Mexico State with a team ERA of 2.99, ranking 42nd in the nation.

After an 8-7 series opening victory on Friday, sophomore Sam Long carried a no-hitter into the eighth inning of a 1-0 Sac State victory in game two.

Sophomore Justin Dillon continued the pitching dominance on Sunday, throwing eight innings of scoreless ball in a Hornets 10-0 win to sweep the series, lowering the team's ERA to 2.81 for the season.

In splitting their first 20 non-league games, the Hornets got more out of their schedule than a win–loss record.

Sac State had experiences on and off the field that will go a long way towards reaching their goal of making it back to the NCAA Division I Regionals.

"We've been able to grow as a team through facing adversity in our nonconference games," said senior pitcher Brennan Leitao, Sac State's all-time wins leader. "We have learned that we are young, but we are talented."

The youthful Hornets have had games featuring as many as four freshmen in their lineup.

Freshman first baseman Vinny Esposito has led all Sac State rookies with 25 games played, and is an example of the highs and lows of the team's blend of youth and talent. He is tied for second on the team with two home runs, but he is currently in a slump, which has sunk his batting average below .200.

Outfielder Nathan Lukes, shortstop Scotty Burcham and infielder Brandon Hunley are the only three players to have started every game. The three Hornets lead the team in hits with 39, 32 and 23, respectively. Burcham and Kyle Moses are the only regular starters who are seniors.

"Being in the middle of the lineup, I try to have a consistent approach at the plate," Lukes said. "My job is to make good contact and drive the ball."

The toughest stretch for the Hornets was a season-high four-game losing streak. During the streak, the Hornets scored a total of five runs in the four defeats.

The losses were a shutout at home 2-0 against the University of Portland on Feb. 22, a 4-3 loss at then-No. 5 Texas Tech University on Feb. 25, a 6-2 loss at Fresno State on March 3, and a 2-0 loss versus then-No. 18 ranked UC Irvine at home March 6.

"We went through a stretch against tough opposition where

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Andrew Watson - The State Hornet

Sacramento State junior Nathan Lukes hits a pop fly foul ball during the baseball game against University of Nevada, Reno on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at Raley Field in Sacramento. Sacramento State lost the game 6-2.

Gaels end Hornets' postseason run

By Jessica Plasencia
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The 2014-15 season was historic for Sacramento State women's basketball, but the team's great run in the postseason's Women's National Invitation Tournament ended with a loss to Saint Mary's College on Thursday.

The Hornets, who lost in the Big Sky Conference Tournament during the semifinal contest against University of Northern Colorado on March 13, got a second chance.

The team received an automatic berth into the WNIT because they were the highest ranking Big Sky team that did not qualify for the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Tournament.

The berth made history for the squad, who had not made it into a postseason tournament other than the Big Sky Conference Tournament.

The women made it to the third round of the WNIT and closed a 34-game season (18-16) on Thursday, March 26 after falling short in their home game against Saint Mary's, 77-69.

"I am really proud of the whole team for making it this far, the bar is set high for next year and I just want them to get a banner," said senior Andrea Chenier, who played in all 34 games this season and was a starter in 17. "We did great, best in Sac State history I think."

The season was momentous for the Hornets, who ranked as the No. 2 seed in the Big Sky for the first time.

This was also Sac State's third time in program history making it to the semifinal round of the Big Sky tournament.

Sac State also led NCAA Division I in 3-pointers made per game with 12.5, steals per game with 16.9 and offensive rebounds per game with 19.9.

The Hornets closed the game against Saint Mary's with an overall field goal percentage of 29.4 percent and a 3-point percentage of 28.6 percent.

The Gaels ended the game with a better 57.7 field goal percentage and a 66.7 3-point field goal percentage.

"We played hard, we didn't shoot the ball well enough to win the game," said Sac State coach Bunky Harkleroad. "Saint Mary's is a very good basketball team, and when you play a team that good you really have no margin for error."

In the first half, the women were able to force 17 Saint Mary's turnovers.

Sac State fired back after a nearly seven-minute scoring drought that put them down by 12. The Hornets managed to cut the deficit to three points with 8:28 on the clock. The Gaels kept control of the game and took a 13-point lead with 4:36 left in the first half.

Not giving up, the Hornets trimmed the Gaels' lead, making three 3-pointers in the last four minutes before halftime.

The team managed to close the gap to a four-point shortfall of 41-37 at halftime.

"I honestly thought we played really hard because in the beginning I think we were down by a lot, like I think 10, but we came back, kept the intensity going, but I don't know, our shots were not falling as much as we would have liked," Chenier said.

In the second half Sac State was able to get a five-point lead in the middle of the period.

The game was tied up twice by Saint Mary's and once by Sac State in the final half.

After Sac State's Margaret Huntington tied the game with a layup, 61-61, the Gaels took back the lead and won the game, outscoring the Hornets 36-32 in the half.

"Well from day one we always believed in this team and knew we had a lot of potential," Harkleroad said on Friday. "We are still disappointed we didn't win last night and we're not still playing. We've always believed that we could make some noise and do some big things. I was just proud that our team started to believe that and we developed more toughness and played with a lot of heart."

Harkleroad commented on being able to end the season at home.

"We love playing in The Nest," Harkleroad said. "The crowd was amazing, and you know we're just so thankful for the support, it's a great college basketball environment there. It was a great crowd. We were thrilled to have the opportunity to play at home."

Their first win in the WNIT was against the University of Pacific on March 19. Sac State won 87-79 at the Tigers' home in Stockton.

The game had four lead changes in the first half. Sac State only led for a total of 5:02 and entered halftime on top with a five point lead of 45-40. Sac State did not let UOP take the lead for the entirety of the second half.

After their win against UOP, the Hornets went on to play in the second round of the WNIT on Monday, March 23, against Eastern Washington University. Sac State played strong defense and forced 33 Eastern Washington turnovers. In the second half the Hornets dominated, only allowing EWU to score 21 points in the period. The Hornets won the game 84-49.

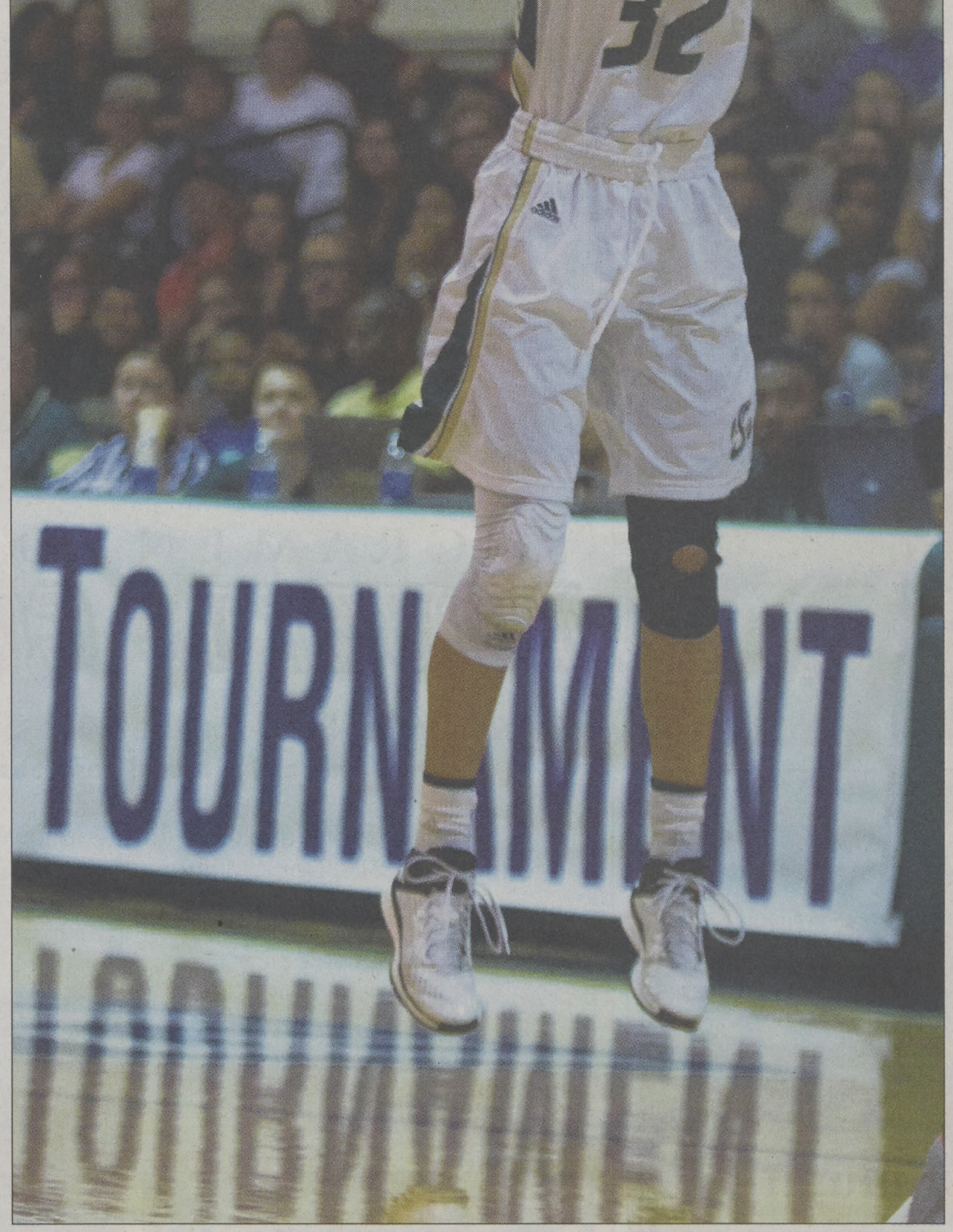
Sac State had a total of 2,911 points scored this season. The team averaged 85.6 points per game. They established new highs with their NCAA records of 424 made 3-pointers and 1,339 3-point attempts as a team.

The team ended a momentous season after they won two postseason games and made it to the third round of the WNIT.

"It was definitely a heartbreaker but I think we played hard, we played for each other and we kind of laid it all out there," said senior Takara Burse about their final game of the season.

This year Burse scored 291 points for the Hornets in 34 games played, and contributed 83 assists.

"I am excited for the next year's team and [to] see how far they're going to go because we stake in progress here at Sac State," Burse said. "It has been a fun four years being here, so hopefully they keep rising to the top."



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Senior guard Andrea Chenier lays the ball up against Eastern Washington on Monday, March 23, 2015 at the Hornets Nest during the Women's National Invitation Tournament.

Men's defeat ends season

By Mike McGough
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A record-breaking season came to an end for Sacramento State men's basketball on March 21 at the Hornets Nest as the team was eliminated from the CollegeInsider.com Postseason Tournament with a 78-73 loss to Northern Arizona University.

Sac State blew a 14-point, second-half lead as the Northern Arizona Lumberjacks shot an astounding 18-for-23 (78.3 percent) from the field in the second period, scoring 48 points in the process.

"We were up 14 and [Northern Arizona] could have gone home; they didn't do it," said Sac State coach Brian Katz. "So give them credit, I was pretty impressed with the way they hung in there."

With the loss, Sac State finished the 2014-15 campaign with an overall record of 21-12, achieving the highest win total in the program's Division I history. The team finished third in the Big Sky Conference standings with a regular season mark of 13-5, also a Sac State record in Division I play, before falling 91-83 to Eastern Washington University in the league tournament's semifinal round.

Following elimination from the Big Sky Conference Tournament, the Hornets received an invitation to the CIT. They defeated the University of Portland on March 18 to earn a second-round matchup with NAU, which marked the first postseason contest Sac State has hosted as a Division I program.

The defeat was just the second home loss of the season for the Hornets, who went 13-2 at The Nest.

The Hornets shot 27-of-58 (46.6 percent) from the field in the game, but it was not enough to overcome the offense of the Lumberjacks, who went 29-for-53 (54.7 percent) from the floor.

Sac State was outrebounded by a 31-28 margin in the contest. This marked a vast improvement over the previous meeting between the teams, in which Northern Arizona outrebounded the Hornets 43-17 en route to a 70-68 NAU victory that ended Sac State's chance to take first place in the conference regular season.

Senior guards and co-captains Mikh McKinney and Dylan

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Baseball: Team rebounds from tough losses, begins league 6-0

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we kind of lost ourselves offensively," said coach Reggie Christiansen. "It took us a while, but we are starting to get back to putting together solid at-bats and not pressing as much."

The Hornets have rebounded and are 10-5 since the losing streak.

They have competed in every game, with their biggest defeat of the season being 5-0 in an away contest March 24 at the University of Nevada, Reno.

The two most gut-wrenching losses were last-inning defeats against ranked opponents in the game against Texas Tech and March 5 at home versus UC Irvine.

The game at Texas Tech saw the Hornets blow a 3-1 lead in the bottom of the ninth inning, and the Hornets lost the contest against UC Irvine 8-6 after UC Irvine scored two runs in the top of the 11th inning.

"Some of those losses were just what happens in baseball," Christiansen said. "We were in the game, a bad bounce here and there, it happens. We understand that if we play our game we have a chance to win every ball game."

Leitao (3-1, 1.64 ERA through seven starts) and Long (5-0, 1.73 through six starts) have led the starting rotation.

Dillon (2.70 ERA, one save and four starts) has held down the closing duties while all-time Sac State saves leader Sutter McLoughlin (2.45 ERA, 3-for-3 in save opportunities) rounds into form after recently returning from a shoulder injury suffered at the end of last season.

Sac State continues league play with a target on its back after a preseason vote constructed by the other coaches in the WAC placed the Hornets as the favorite to repeat as conference champions.

The Hornets embrace the challenge to repeat as league champions and believe that they are prepared for conference play and beyond.

"We knew that developing some of our younger guys would take some time," Leitao said. "They have done a great job against the competition thus far."

The statistics in this article reflect the results after Sunday's game against NMSU.



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Cody Demps drives past Northern Arizona defender Kris Yanku on Saturday, March 21, 2015 at the Hornets Nest. Demps ended the game with 16 points scored.

Basketball: Hornets lose to NAU, ending seniors' college careers

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Garrity led the Hornets in scoring with 18 points apiece.

McKinney scored his 18 on 7-of-21 shooting from the floor, making just two of 10 attempts from long distance.

"When you play a team twice, and then you see them again for a third time, it's pretty much just a grind," McKinney said. "And we fought our hardest, and we just didn't get the job done."

With 2014-15 marking his final year with the team, McKinney earned the Big Sky Conference's Most Valuable Player award at the end of the regular season. He averaged 19.7 points per conference game, which was second in the Big Sky behind Eastern Washington guard Tyler Harvey.

In the loss to the Lumberjacks, Garrity shot six for 11 from the floor and made three-of-five attempted 3-pointers.

Records and accolades surrounded Garrity and McKinney throughout the season, as the duo climbed through the Sac State record books for scoring and assists. McKinney and Garrity ended their career with respective point totals of 1,468 and 1,406, etching their names in fourth and sixth place on the list of the university's all-time scoring leaders.

Garrity ended his career as the Hornets' all-time leader in assists with 527 and games started with 116.

For Sac State's four seniors—Garrity, McKinney, Alex Tiffin and Zach Mills—the loss to NAU represented the end not just of a season, but of a career.

"It really sucks to end your career on this kind of note, in front of your home fans, but our crowd has been awesome, the city of Sacramento has been awesome," Garrity said. "The university has been behind our team all year long."

The season ended with McKinney missing a half-court shot at the buzzer with the Hornets already down by five points.

"We didn't get the job done, but I mean, to go out and just see the fans and be able to play at home one last time, that was a great opportunity," McKinney said.

Katz received Co-Big Sky Conference men's basketball Coach of the Year honors at the end of the regular season, splitting the title with Eastern Washington's Jim Hayford. Katz attributed the award to the talent of his players.

"This is probably the experience of a lifetime for them," Katz said of the season as a whole. "You're talking eight months, from July 13 on,... it's just hard to put into words what a complete and total commitment you have to have at this level."

Tennis undefeated in conference play



File Photo by Sheldon Kohatsu - The State Hornet

Alina Soltanici returns the ball to the opposing court against Long Beach State on Friday, Feb. 27, 2015 at Rio Del Oro Racquet Club. The Hornets' record is 13-9 and the women are undefeated in the Big Sky Conference (8-0) this season.







Freshmen essential to softball's success

By Jeremiah Martinez
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Freshman Marissa Maligad makes contact with the ball during a game against Grand Canyon University on Friday, March 13, 2015 at Shea Stadium. Maligad scored a run and went 0-for-2 on the day. The Hornets have a 6-0 record start in the Big Sky Conference.

Adjusting to life as a college freshman and Division I athlete can be challenging when coming out of high school, but the transition has been effortless for the freshmen women of Sacramento State softball.

"The freshmen have come in the roles I've asked them to play [and] have stepped up," said Hornets' coach Lori Perez. "[They] fulfilled those roles and have done so with a team-first mentality."

The freshmen on the squad include second baseman Zamari Hinton, infielder Marissa Maligad, pitcher Celina Matthias and infielder Cassidy Martin.

All of them are local products from Northern California. Hinton, Maligad and Matthias are from Elk Grove and Martin is from Antelope.

The women have contributed to the Hornets' recent success, including a 6-0 record to start Big Sky Conference play, the first time the program has won its first six conference games since 1993.

Perez recruited the women when she was an assistant under previous coach Kathy Strahan, who retired in August 2013.

Prior to attending Sac State, the freshmen have had a close relationship for 10 years and consider themselves as sisters.

Previously, the women played together for the Lady Magic of Elk Grove, a local Amateur Softball Association of America travel team.

"We're really close," Martin said. "The transition is more comforting because they're here with me, and I've known them for so long."

Statistically, Matthias has been the freshman standout for the Hornets.

Recruited out of Pleasant Grove High School, Matthias was a pitcher on a list of players Perez and her coaching staff were looking at.

Perez said she was impressed with the right-hander's past success and her skill set.

"She had success against some high-level teams in the ASA program and also in high school," Perez said. "What I liked about Celina is the fact she could move the ball around; she could mix speeds and keep the ball down with her off-speed drop."

She was awarded Big Sky Conference Pitcher of the Week on March 23, for her performance for the week of March 18-21. It was her first time receiving the honor in her collegiate career.

This season, Matthias carries an 8-8 record with a 2.95 ERA and has pitched 118 2/3 innings, which is close to 60 innings more than any other Hornets pitcher.

With pitching the bulk of the team's innings, Matthias credits her work in the weight room for helping her get through games.

"All the conditioning and the weight training we've been doing really paid off," Matthias said. "Everyone has been working hard in the weight room."

Not only has Matthias been adjusting to life as a Division I student-athlete, but she also made the transition to living in the resident halls on campus. She lives in Sierra Hall with her roommate, who is fellow freshman teammate, Hinton.

"Living on campus is really different than home because you need to do everything basically on your own," Matthias said. "The dorms are pretty fun to be in."

Hinton has had success of her own.

When recruiting Hinton out of Sheldon High School, Perez was impressed with the second baseman.

"I liked her speed," Perez said. "I liked the fact she could do things on the left side of the batter's box, she could hit for singles and is a table setter."

Prior to the start of the spring semester, Hinton was in a car accident on her way to practice and missed the team's opening tournament on Feb 6 and 7.

"I was rear ended and I was forced to go to The WELL," Hinton said. "I had muscle spasms in my back and I was out for two to three weeks."

She was cleared to play when the team traveled to their second tournament at Fresno State on Feb. 13.

On the second day of play, she was given her first opportunity in the starting lineup against Santa Clara University, as she went 2-for-3 in a 4-3 loss against the Broncos.

Ever since, she has started in every game and has a presence as the number two hitter in the lineup.

Currently, Hinton is batting .277 with nine RBIs and could be a significant player in the future of the program, according to Perez.

"Zamari is somebody that I think will have an integral role on this team moving forward," Perez said. "Once Kayla [Papez] is gone, I expect her to be the starter in that position."

Fellow freshman Maligad has been a standout in the infield for Perez's squad.

Like Matthias, Maligad was recruited locally out of Pleasant Grove High School and drew the attention of Perez because of her demeanor and versatility.

"Marissa was somebody that I was drawn to as a coach [when] recruiting because she's tough, a gritty player [and] studies," Perez said.

Maligad plays multiple positions on the infield including shortstop and third base, but also has experience as an outfielder, a position she primarily played in high school.

After a slow start to the season, Maligad is batting .313 with nine RRIs and has reached base safely in seven of the last nine games for the Hornets.

Fellow infielder Martin is regarded as a smart player according to Perez.

She said Martin's strength as a player is defense, but she has potential to grow as an offensive player.

"Offensively she's still growing and getting stronger," Perez said. "As we see that come into fruition I think we'll see if she gets another opportunity but she does a great job playing third and first base."

Perez said all four of the freshmen are coachable players, as they have been reliable when she needed them.

"I've been impressed with the stability they provided for us," she said. "That's been huge."



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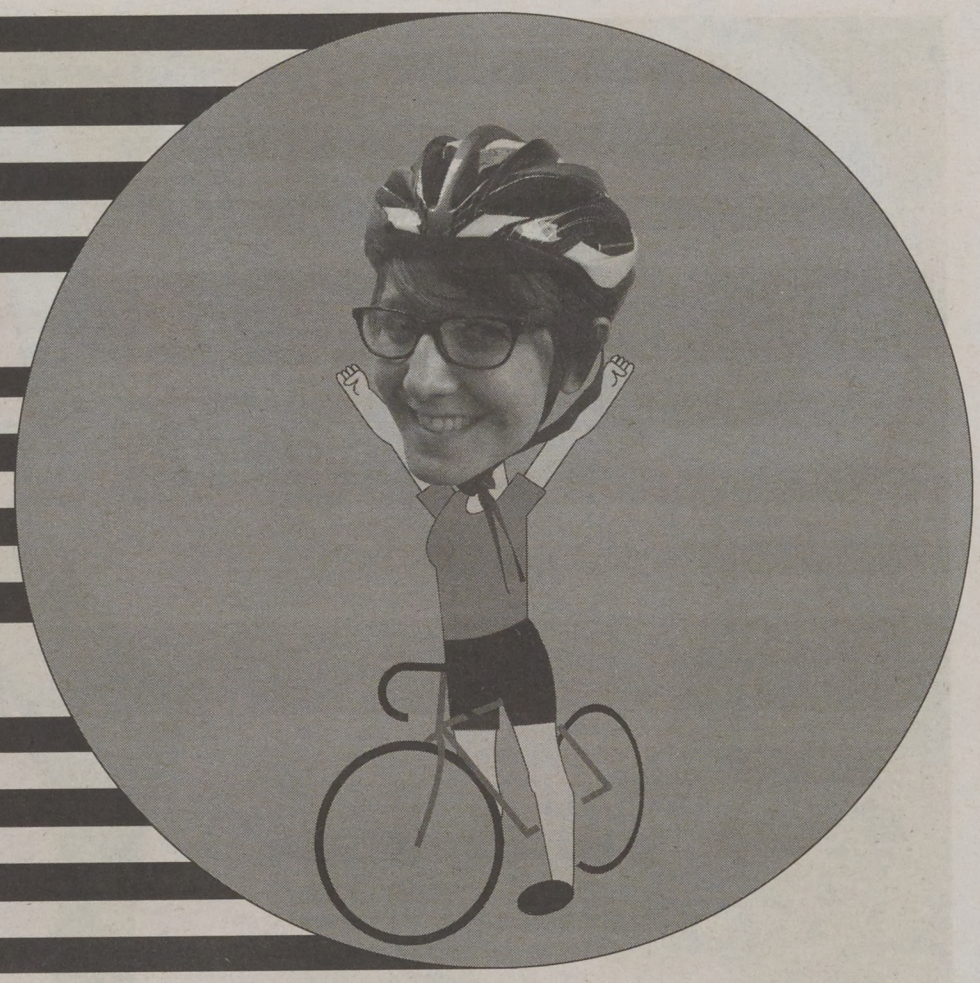
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LIFE IN THE BIKE LANE



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Bikes belong on roads, not sidewalks

Motorists should move over and share roadways with cyclists

By Kellie McCown
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"Get off of the road!"

That phrase will be yelled out of the window of a moving car at a cyclist at least a couple of hundred times, guaranteed.

Roads are dominated by cars; it's their realm. They are the mighty self-appointed kings of the asphalt.

Traffic lights, laws and roadways are all designed to cater to the needs of the motorist.

Only recently have people realized that roads should be accessible to all forms of transportation, including the bicycle.

Bicycles are considered to be drivers when they are on the road. Just like a car can't drive on the sidewalk, neither can a cyclist.

When cyclists are forced off of the roads and onto sidewalks, a harmless commute has the potential to turn deadly fast. Bicycles belong on the road, because just like cars, they can be dangerous to pedestrians. When a cyclist rides at 20 mph on a sidewalk, it's the same as a car traveling down a freeway at 70 mph.

Just last year, Sacramento Bee columnist Hilary Abramson, 69, was hit by a cyclist on a sidewalk in Midtown. She was seriously injured and is still recovering from several surgeries.

Abramson has campaigned for stricter bicycle laws since her accident, even going as far as suggesting cyclists should require a license to operate a bicycle within city limits.

However the problem is not the cyclist, the problem is that roads are not made for more than one form of legal transportation.

The cyclist never should have been on the sidewalk, that is not debateable on either side of the argument.

But, when you are trying to ride and live in an unfriendly land, it is easy to see why the cyclist had to ride on the sidewalk.

The cyclist that hit Abromson, and so many others, might have felt forced to use the sidewalk instead of the roads.

A cyclist who is using the sidewalk for commuting, is the equivalent of a car using the freeway.

Neither one of which are safe for pedestrians.

When cyclists are forced onto the sidewalks, everyone loses. Motorists don't learn how to share the road, cyclists can't ride on busy sidewalks and pedestrians get put into harms way.

Everyone who pays taxes, pays to use roadways.

It's time for everyone to default back to their kindergarten roots and learn to share.

Be seen, stay safe and ride on.

"If I can bicycle, I bicycle." - David Attenborough

Seattle: The perfect road trip destination

Airbnb turns out to be beneficial

By Monica Velez
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Probably one of the most important things about a road trip that my roommate, my brother and myself figured out is to know where you are sleeping before you get to your destination.

The key to an affordable bed and bathroom to utilize for a night is the app Airbnb. The app works exactly like any other hotel search engine, the only difference is it offers a stay at people's homes and spare rooms.

On our straight shot from Sacramento to Seattle, the only thing we knew was that we were going to Seattle, and we were going to hit up as many breweries as we could, considering we are all amateur beer connoisseurs.

About three hours outside of Seattle I said, "Maybe we should figure out where to stay."

"Do it," came out almost simultaneously from my brother and roommate's lips. So there I was, using Airbnb for the first time.

There are filters to customize the search, first putting in the location, the amount of guests, the price range (starting at $10 and ending in the thousands) and whether or not you want a private or shared space.

In our case, three college students who would rather spend our hard-earned paycheck on sight seeing, beer and maybe food, we were not doing anything over $70 a night.

It just so happened that Greg answered our prayers, giving us the sweetest deal, $140 for three nights (we think it's because he liked us). He was a nice guy who had two other quirky roommates that were all very helpful. They lived in Tukwila, about a 20 minute drive into downtown Seattle.

We were supplied with clean towels and really only showered and slept there, spending most of our time sight-seeing, eating and drinking too many carbs and meeting countless locals.

On day one we explored Pike Place Market trying some of the best fish and chips and clam chowder, which is just as good as San Francisco chowder. Pike Brewing Company was another must try that was just down the street from Pike Place Market. There was also the first Starbucks to ever exist that was also down the street from Pike Market, which had a ridiculous line outside the door, as well as tourists constantly taking pictures of the building.

We were told to try King's Hardware that's located on Ballard Avenue, an area where you can go bar hopping and try some really good food. King's Hardware was great. They offered some quality burgers with countless options of beers on tap and a lot of local breweries that we were hyped to try. However, be prepared to wait an hour for your food. On the plus side, they do have Jenga to keep you distracted from a rumbling stomach.

We were spoiled the first day with sunshine, the second day we experienced the usual Seattle rain. All being Californians, we were more than glad to see some rain for a change.

We rode the ferris wheel and saw some great views as well as went on a beer tour that took us to three breweries: Outlander Brewery and Pub, Hilliard's Beer and Hale's Brewery.

After the tour, we decided to go to Capitol Hill because almost every person we had met so far told us it was a cool bar scene, and thankfully nobody was lying.

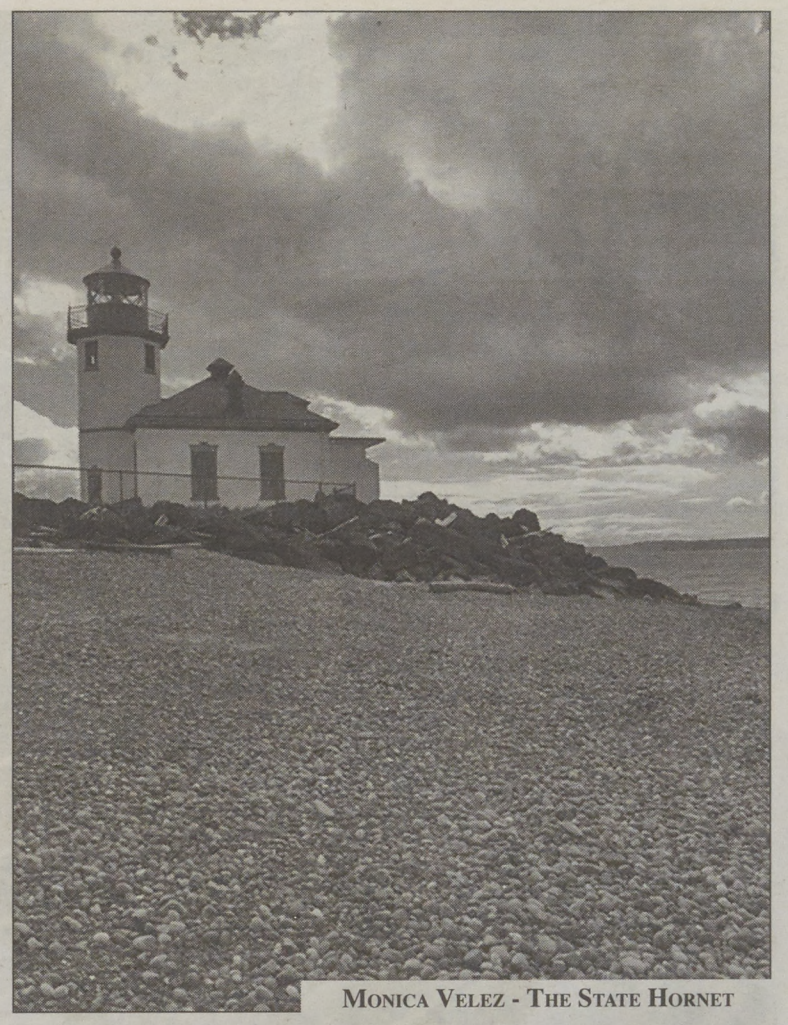
I am officially convinced that Seattle is home to every nice person in America - even though we were the only Giants and Niner fans, for the most part - we did not meet one mean person.

The highlight of our trip fell on day three, when we checked out the notorious Space Needle and my brother tried to skateboard in the rain at the skate park near the popular tourist attraction.

We got an incredible view of Seattle and ate at a delicious local burger joint, Dick's Drive-In.

After enjoying a night out on University Avenue, close to Washington University, we crashed and the next day went to Alki Beach and caught a ferry ride to the unknown. No really, we had to ask somebody on the ferry where we were going, which ended up being Bremerton where we headed out to Portland and stayed until Sunday, March 29.

To be continued online April 1.



MONICA VELEZ - THE STATE HORNET

Alki Point Lighthouse in Seattle, Wash., is a historic landmark built in 1913 that still functions today. The property is not open to the public but the lighthouse is open for tours on weekends.



MONICA VELEZ - THE STATE HORNET

The Space Needle, built in 1961, is a landmark of the Pacific Northwest and a symbol of Seattle, Wash.

> On our straight shot from Sacramento to Seattle, the only thing we knew was that we were going to Seattle, and we were going to hit up as many breweries as we could, considering we are all amateur beer connoisseurs.

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Senior biology major Evan Hanson works
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Recently an interesting discovery was made on campus: The Corpse Flower was in the pre-stages of its bloom and put on display to be viewed in Sequoia Hall.

However, until its blooming excitement this past month, little attention was given to its existence or its location.

The Blooming Corpse acts as an important reminder that fascinating things are taking place on our campus that many may not be informed about.

Students pass by the campus greenhouse all of the time on their way to class, Starbucks or the Riverfront. However, very few people actually wander through the exhibit.

The greenhouse embodies something very unique and vibrant because it holds inside treasures that people do not normally see.

Michael Fong, the current greenhouse technician, explains his reasoning for the insufficient attention plants receive.

He said many people do not notice the greenhouse or the contents inside because the components do not appear to be moving to the common eye.

Students see squirrels and birds and animals because they move; they do not see plants as easily, but they are moving just as much and are just as alive.

The first version of the Sacramento State greenhouse appeared in 1968 and the succulent house was created in 1996. Two years later the research house was built in 1998.

These three spaces still remain today.

Professors Hal Weidman, Marda West and Lee Kavaljian were the main forces behind the development of the Sac State greenhouse. Their hopes in building this exhibit was to embrace and share with the community a wide variety of plant species brought to us from around the world. It was also a way to preserve the plants that were not acclimated to our cold winters and hot summers.

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Left: A succulent grows inside the succulent house, adjacent to the Sacramento State Greenhouse behind Sequoia Hall on Tuesday, March 17, 2015. The succulent house was added in 1996 and houses only these plants.

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SOPHIA DE LEON - THE STATE HORNET

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Biology Department and also as a field trip experience for many elementary schools.

The building embodies much more than just a home for plants. It is a place for students to apply research on all branches of biology including general biology, taxonomy and ecology.

It also serves as a place for art and photography students to capture the beauty of the exotic plants within the exhibit.

Michael Baad, ecology and systematics professor, is the director of the arboretum on campus.

"Although we are totally dependent on plants' efforts in converting sunlight into protoplasm, we tend to be largely ignorant regarding the thousands of different evolutionary and ecological strategies that have developed over the millennia to allow plants to succeed in habitats as different as tropical rainforest and arctic tundra," Baad said. "The living museums that are greenhouses and botanical gardens serve to acquaint humans with the wonders of the intact world's ecosystems and the critical role each plays in maintaining the stability of these increasingly fragile collections of plant and animal species."

The greenhouse is a very unique and significant element on Sac State's campus.

When stepping into the greenhouse, there is a light mist falling from the ceilings.

Inside there are different rooms for each of the different species of plants; each requires a certain temperature, amount of humidity and amount of water.

Evan Hanson, senior biology major, works in the greenhouse and comments on it's significance.

"It's critical for the biology department to catalogue and display an array of different organisms so that we can preserve the diversity and natural history of an environment that is constantly changing," Hanson said.

There are six rooms total in the greenhouse. One of the first rooms on the right of the entrance is the Orchid Room.

Sunlight floods in through the windows and creates a very open and airy ambiance.

Inside there are many different kinds of plants that hang on the walls of the building. These specific plants are called epiphytes.

Across, lies the Pond Room. There are various kinds of water lettuce and other types of plants that thrive in this type of vegetation.

Next to the Pond Room is what is known as "Baad's Room." This room is dedicated to some of the plants he tends to as well as extra materials.

The Carnivorous Room is filled with plants similar to the famous venus flytrap.

Many of the plants in this room open and close based off of receptors they have that react to touch, or insects. They close so they can capture their prey and consume protein.

In the greenhouse these particular flowers do not actually need to consume the flies. They can survive just off of water.

However, they typically grow in vegetation with insufficient levels of nitrogen in the water so they must revert to other ways of nourishing themselves.

Crystal Zamora is a senior biology major who works in the greenhouse.

She provided information about one plant called "Mimosa."

Zamora said it is also called a sensitive plant because it closes when it's touched to protect itself from predators; it uses this mechanism to appear shriveled up and dead.

The room across from the Carnivorous Room is the Equisetum Room, and is filled with different types of moss.

These two rooms are the only ones that are not heated.

Their ceiling opens up automatically based off of temperature to allow the room to cool off and receive new air flow throughout the room.

There is also a room devoted to Fong, and it is known as the hospital. It is where sick plants are taken and where new plants are received to be checked out before putting them out with the other plants.

There are also two additional houses for succulents and research. These are extensions from the large greenhouse on campus.

"Although we do carry some natives, we focus on rare species in regards to what people are used to from here in California, " Hanson said.

Students are encouraged to step into a different world filled with obscure tropical plants within the greenhouse located on campus behind Sequoia Hall.



SOPHIA DE LEON - THE STATE HORNET

Senior biology major Crystal Zamora works in the Sacramento State Greenhouse behind Sequoia Hall on Tueday, March 17, 2015. The greenhouse is much more than a home for plants; it serves the needs of art and photography students as well.

Downloading music illegally harms artists

Downloads cost loss of revenue

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With YouTube, Spotify, and music easily downloaded for free off the internet, music artists are facing the issue of losing financial compensation for their work.

These days, it is simple for anyone with basic computer skills to download music illegally from the internet, and YouTube can be viewed and listened to on cellphones, avoiding the need for purchasing music to enjoy it.

However, if music becomes free, how will artists be able to make a living and continue releasing new compositions?

Sacramento State students have varied opinions on whether music should be free or not.

Kelly Ahola, psychology major, said artists deserve to be paid for the work they put in and the final release of that work to the public.

"I think people should be compensated," Ahola said.

Music artist Taylor Swift removed some of her songs from Spotify to make a statement that artists should be, in her words, fairly compensated for their work.

However, when people can access music online and download it to their devices for free with illegal programs, no compensation is directly delivered to the artists who created the song.

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> – Kelly Aloha, psychology major

Ahola spoke about illegally downloading music online for use on personal devices.

"The fact that it's available makes it awkward," Ahola said. "I don't think it's OK because people should be compensated."

Not all students think music should cost money to the final consumer.

Khou Vang, undeclared major at Sac State, said it is acceptable to consume music without paying for it.

"Yes [music should be free] because I love music," Vang said.

She acknowledged a reason why one might argue that music should be free to download.

"It's OK because some people can't afford it," Vang said.

With an album selling anywhere from $5 to $20, or an individual song going for an average of $1, purchasing a large collection of music poses a challenge for college students who may live on a strict budget that allows for few luxuries.

Vanessa Duenas, biology major, also thinks songs should not cost anything when buying them for personal use.

"It should be free because it's something I think would help anyone de-stress," said Duenas. "It's how we get away."

Music is a way to get lost in another world and let the mind drift away from reality. It stimulates the brain and allows listeners to create their own images for the songs meaning.

Many people do not consider how much money is taken away from the entire music industry when music is not paid for.

An analysis by the Institute for Policy Innovation estimated the industry loses $422 million in tax revenues, $2.7 billion in workers salaries and over 71,000 music related jobs due to music piracy.

If this cycle continues and increases, every music artist, producer and distributor will be affected. Even if an artist has passion for what they do, they need to have the funds to continue creating and releasing music.

Artists bring in money from concerts and entertainment appearances, but their music is what brings many of them fame and recognition. If illegal downloads become the norm, the quality and consistency of music could decrease to the point where it loses its magic and respectability.

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Student club engages in social experiments

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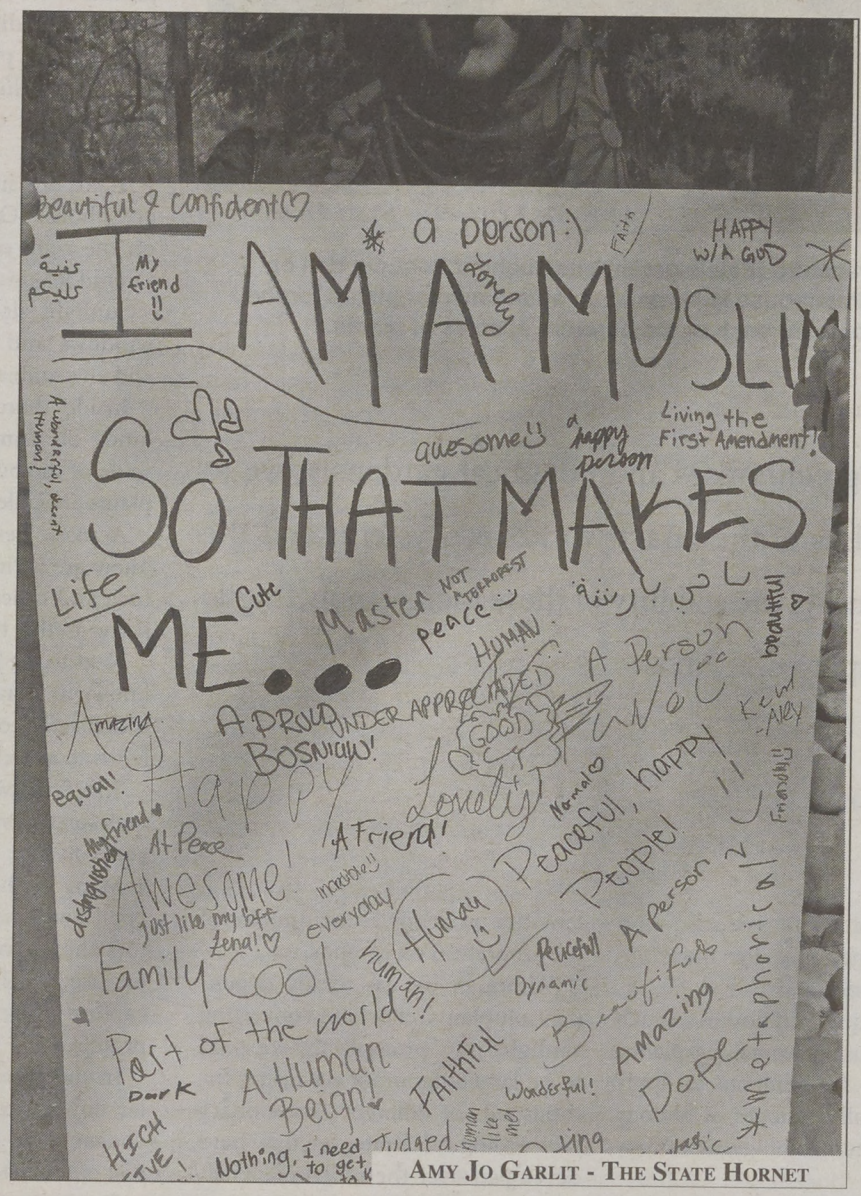
Recently some members of Sacramento State's Muslim Student Association conducted an experiment in the quad outside the library asking students to write their opinions on some poster boards.

From 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 12, Ugbad Farah, Abeer Hajeer, Rima Hakim and Amna Afzal stood in the quad and asked students to fill in the blank on their signs which read "I Am a Muslim So That Makes Me..."

Farah, MSA president and a sophomore at Sac State majoring in biochemistry, said the experiment was a very positive experience for her being able to see how Sac State students really feel about Muslims.

"We had people constantly say how beautiful a religion it is, how peaceful it is and how they thought we were just like everyone else," said Farah. "And it was just really reassuring to see that our peers and everyone who goes to school with us, faculty members even,

See Student Club on 6



AMY JO GARLIT - THE STATE HORNET

Ugbad Farah, Abeer Hajeer, Rima Hakim and Amna Afzal ask people to fill in their "I am a Muslim so that makes me..." posters in the Sacramento State Library Quad on Thursday, March 12, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Their goal is to address the misconceptions surrounding Muslims.



AMY JO GARLIT - THE STATE HORNET

Rima Hakim (left) and Amna Afzal of Sacramento State's Muslim Student Association discuss life as a Muslim on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at a MSA officer's meeting in the library. Some topics of discussion included clearing up American stereotypes and misconceptions about Muslims.

who see us this way. It's really great.

Responses like "a human being" and "just like everyone else" and "resilient," showed Sac State students openness to the Muslim community.

"I think my favorite is when somebody said 'But I don't know you,'" said Hajeer, MSA vice president and a Sac State senior majoring in business. "Like they aren't judging us based on what we're wearing and they are like, 'Okay, you are an individual. I can't just give you an adjective to describe you without knowing you.'"

Part of the goal of the experiment on the quad was to challenge many popular misconceptions that are assumed about Muslims.

"We were just trying to get the point across that although we might look a little different with our head scarves, we are just the same," said Farah. "We are just college students trying to get by, pass our class, you know, finish our papers."

There are many common misunderstandings surrounding what defines a Muslim and what Islam is, beyond simply being a religion. During the experiment on the quad, one passerby asked the MSA members if they were "Islam."

Farah confirmed that Islam is the name of the religion and Muslims are the followers of Islam similar to the way Christians are the followers of Christianity.

Another question that was asked during the experiment was about the meaning behind wearing the head scarf. The scarf is seen by many non-Muslims as a symbol of oppression and that woman are forced to wear them.

However, Farah and Hajeer only recently began to wear the head scarf after doing their own research and making the decision for themselves.

"It is something between you and God; Your relationship with God," Afzal said. "A lot of people don't know the reason behind it. A lot of people take it as an oppression like we are forced. This is a personal choice, something that tells me who I am, my identity."

Hajeer explained that her scarf gives her a sense of modesty, especially in situations such as giving a speech in front of her classmates.

"Do you want them looking at where your curves [are], the way your body is shaped or do you want them to listen to your words?" asked Hajeer. "Well this is why I wear it, I don't want people to look at me and how my body is shaped, I want them to listen to me. It is kind of a feminist movement. It's empowering women even though people think we are forced to wear it. In Islam it is forbidden for somebody to force someone to wear it and people don't know that."

Another misconception about Islam is the belief that Muslims are taught to view anyone who does not have the same faith as an enemy. This is another fallacy that the members of Sac State's MSA want to overcome.

"We are supposed to respect other people's religion, regardless of where they're from, what religion, if they don't follow religion, we are supposed to respect them," said Farah.

Hajeer agrees that much of the negativity surrounding Islam is political.

"For me, I think it is how the media portrays it. Some people will say 'Your religion kills people, look at what they're doing over there,' and I am like 'What are you talking about? I am not part of them.'" said Hajeer. "They have this insane view on life that doesn't represent the entire community. In different religions, in different groups, there are people who are completely out of their mind and that should represent the entire community."

The leaders of the experiment agree that many of these misconceptions evolve from the way the media portrays Muslims and Islam.

"For example the one man in France, he was automatically labeled, depending on what you're reading, an Islamist, Jihadist or a terrorist, but he was just one man who happened to be Muslim," said Rima Hakim, MSA secretary and third year business student at Sac State. "However, the Chapel Hill shootings, that was just one man, but the way the media reported that one, they didn't use any of those words. They made this man so respectful. It is just the way media tries to portray people."

Hajeer and Hakim agreed that the media also leaves out how many Muslims are also injured during attacks, such as the Muslim police officer who was shot in France during the Charlie Hebdo attacks.

They feel that the media often generalizes the religion.

"It is important to realize that the number one victims of ISIS are Muslims," said Hakim. "So it is not an attack on Westerners or Christians, it is really an attack on humanity by a very small minority that does not represent any individual."

It can be intimidating for members of local Muslim communities when national events occur that portray Muslims in a negative manner. Even though there is some fear of antagonism, Hajeer said she feels safe at Sac State.

"For me, when I finally came to school after I was scared, I came to school and I saw everyone walking and it felt so normal," said Hajeer. "I felt so safe at school."

Sac State happens to be in the middle of one of the most diverse cities in California, so it only seems natural that it would be a conducive learning environment for students of all backgrounds. Just one of the ways Sac State shows its support for its diverse population is by providing a space where students of all backgrounds can come together in unity and respect for all views in the meditation room located in the University Union.

"That's what I love about the meditation room is you can find things from different religions, somebody doing yoga, Christians," said Hajeer. "Everybody coming into the room to pray and they respect what everyone else is doing and are just so nice."

The leaders of MSA want all members of the Sac State community to be proactive about learning more about the Muslim community. Farah explained that in Islam, you have to find things out for yourself and constantly be seeking knowledge rather than simply being content to believe what other people say.

"Islam is a part of our lives but it doesn't define exactly who we are," said Farah. "It is part of our identity but it doesn't define our identity."

Part of MSA's mission statement is to educate Sacramento and neighboring communities about Islam by being involved in the community, as well as welcoming all community members to MSA events and meetings.

"We welcome anybody in if they want to ask any questions, instead of just thinking we probably do something but they don't know for sure. It is better to ask questions," said Hajeer. "What would be better than a room full of Muslims and non-Muslims and we can all talk together."

MSA holds a halaqa, or discussion circle, every second Thursday. Email msa.csus@gmail.com for more information on the discussion circle or upcoming MSA events.

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